



# FLATHEAD

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## **CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Chair Pete Woll called the February 10, 2020, 310-Stream Permit meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

### **Board members present:**

Pete Woll, Chair; Lori Curtis, Vice Chair; Dean Sirucek, Secretary/Treasurer; Ronald Buentemeier, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

**Board members absent:** Donna Pridmore, Associate Supervisor; Lech Naumovich, Supervisor. Absences are excused.

Also, in attendance were Hailey Graf and Samantha Tappenbeck, FCD staff; Mikaela Richardson, Big Sky Watershed Corps AmeriCorps Member; Leo Rosenthal and Kenny Breidinger, MFWP; Earl Hannemen; Trent Smith; Dan Siderius; and Alex Poole.

## **MINUTES**

Dean Sirucek motioned “to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 Business meeting as presented.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020, 310-Adopted Rules updates Public Hearing as presented.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

No urgent or atypical correspondence was received.

## **FINANCIAL**

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Montana Sky Networks \$10.00
  2. Byte Savvy \$55.00
  3. Montana State Leasing \$1,599.73
  4. Daily Interlake \$139.10
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5. Flathead Beacon \$654.00

Dean Sirucek motioned “to approve the bills as presented.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No one was present to comment on items not listed on the agenda.

**310's**

**Butts**, FL2019056C, Unnamed Stream, complaint: The Board discussed the potential use of the cistern and how the violation and complaint would be satisfied. Hailey Graf described information from Caitlin Overland and her recommendations for moving forward. There was general agreement that if there is no viable use for the cistern it should be removed, along with the previously discussed fill dirt.

John Ellis motioned “to send a letter to Mr. Butts with a [60-day] deadline by which time Mr. Butts has to apply for an irrigation water right, and if he does not meet that deadline to require the entire cistern to be removed.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

John Ellis motioned “to amend the previous motion to specify a 60-day deadline.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Butts**, FL2020002, Unnamed Stream, debris removal: Dean Sirucek motioned “to table the application.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Hogan**, FL2019004, Rose Creek, well/cistern/excavation/structures/utilities: Pete Woll motioned “to table the application.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Murillo**, FL2019072, Swan River, replace wall: Pete Woll stated the intent of the project as replacing bulging block retaining wall on the Swan River. The existing wall will be removed, the bank will be sloped back, I-beams installed and drain rock added. As discussed during the onsite inspection, a revegetation plan has been added to the application. Leo Rosenthal noted that the design is a good compromise between the existing vertical wall and what we would ideally permit on a river corridor.

Pete Woll motioned “to approve the application with modifications per the Team Member Report, including placement of erosion barrier and the revegetation plan which was submitted 2/4/2020.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete Woll motioned “to waive the 15-day waiting period”. John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Smith**, FL2020001C, Unnamed Stream, complaint: Dean Sirucek described the complaint the standard complaint process to the landowners.

Dean Sirucek motioned “to send a standard complaint letter to Mr. Smith.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Stromsted**, FL2020003, Flathead River, bank stabilization: Lori Curtis explained that this project is to repair a bank stabilization project from 2012. Previously, the bank was too steep, and the rock was not large enough. Dan Siderius presented additional photos of the area.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

**Westwood Park**, FL2019033, Bowser Spring Creek, violation: Verdell Jackson motioned to “table.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Pollinator Film Screening:** Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the phone poll for the Pollinator film screening.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

**Montana Water Summit:** Hailey Graf requested an update from Supervisors interested in attending. John Ellis and Verdell Jackson are both unable to attend.

**Montana Stream Permitting Guide:** Samantha Tappenbeck stated that DNRC has updated the *Montana Stream Permitting Guide* and asked if anyone would like updated copies. The Board, Kenny Breidinger and Leo Rosenthal indicated that they would all like updated copies.

**Flathead River Inundation Mapping Tool:** Hailey Graf announced that a presentation of the Flathead River Inundation Mapping tool will be on March 13, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at the FWP Conference Room in Kalispell.

**Correspondence List:** Hailey Graf described the process previously used to compile the correspondence list for board packets. There was general agreement that a comprehensive list is unnecessary and time consuming. Moving forward, staff will only compile the urgent or extremely relevant correspondence.

**Other:** The Board discussed concerns over permit FL2018021 that arose during the follow up inspection. Hailey Graf described that following concerns over a change in material used during project construction, she reviewed the approved application, contacted Caitlin Overland, and requested information from the Floodplain permit. She described that overall, the project was completed as permitted. There was general agreement that applications should be thoroughly reviewed, and any modification discussed during the onsite inspection must be recorded in the Team Member Report.

The Board also discussed updating the Team Member Report form and the permit packet to be clearer and more concise.

The next Flathead CD Business Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2020, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

Adjournment: Lori Curtis motioned “to adjourn.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Submitted By:

Hailey Graf  
Resource Conservationist

Minutes approved by FCD Board motion made on:

<u>2/24/2020</u>	<u>Pete Woll</u>	<u>Chair</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chair etc.)